

Chief Judge of the State of New York



Jonathan Lippman

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**Statement from Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman
on behalf of the New York State Court of Appeals**

The Court mourns the passing last night of our dear colleague and friend, Theodore T. Jones. Judge Jones was a jurist of great talent, intellect and compassion. He was also the gentlest of men with a wonderful sunny disposition, great warmth and empathy for all. Ted Jones had a smile and a laugh that captivated the Court and the entire legal community. His achievements as a judge, a lawyer and a human being could not be more noteworthy. He served his country with honor and distinction during the Vietnam War and that experience was so much a part of who he was as a person. New York has lost a singular jurist and a magnificent human being and the Court of Appeals and the entire Judiciary have lost an irreplaceable friend, who we all so dearly loved. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his wife, Joan, and the entire Jones family in this time of sorrow.